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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed November 5, 2001, Applicants file herewith the following documents relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) Copy of Notification;
- (2) Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney w/attached specification;
- (3) Recordation Cover Sheet and Executed Assignment;
- Preliminary Amendment w/attached claim pages; (4)
- (5) Petition for a two-month extension of time;
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 Form w/5 attached documents; and (6)
- (7) A check in the amount of \$606.00 to cover the surcharge fee for the Declaration (\$130.00), Petition for two-month extension of time fee (\$400.00), Additional

Claims Fee (\$36.00) and the Recordation of Assignment fee (\$40.00).

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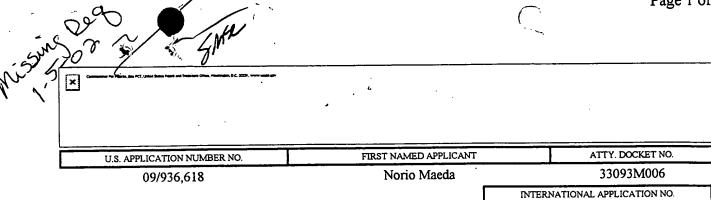
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the
 application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

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 Additional claim fees of \$342 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$472 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$342
 - \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.
 - \$270 for multiple dependant claims surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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